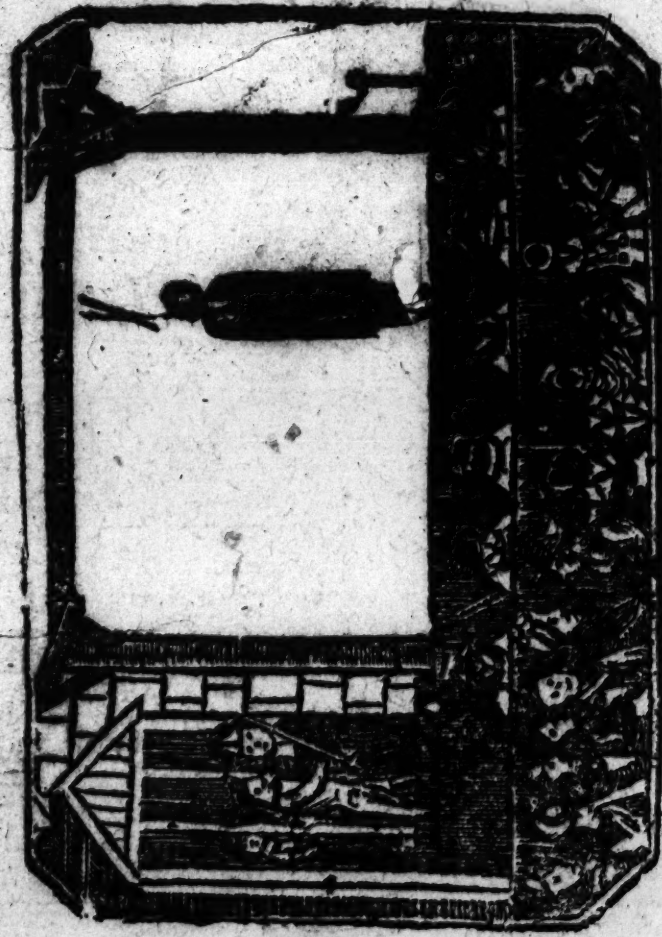




THIS unfortunate criminal was born of respectable parents in Oxfordshire. A drunken frolic induced him to enlist in the Guards, and he belonged to the third regiment at the time he committed the murder for which he suffered.

Hartley had just received a furlough to go and see his friends, for the purpose of receiving some money which was left him; and the sword with which he committed the crime he had taken from an officer while in the late expedition to Holland.

Yesterday (Sunday) he attended in the Chapel, together with the four malefactors ordered for execution on Wednesday, and behaved in a becoming manner.

On Friday last he was tried and convicted at the Old Bailey. The following are the particulars of the murder, as attested on the trial, which are not a little singular, from the smallest provocation not having been given by the deceased.

John Hartley went with his brother-in-law, about five o'clock in the evening of the 29th of Jan. to, the Black Lion public house, at Baywater, where they continued drinking beer together for some time, until his brother-in-law went away. The prisoner then proposed to join a mixed company, consisting principally of soldiers, of whom the deceased was one, who had also been drinking in another part of the same room. Some of the party objected, but the deceased interfered in his favour, alleging he was a brother soldier, and the prisoner joined the company.

About ten o'clock it was proposed to break up, but the deceased opposed it, without a parting pot. The company was now reduced to four persons, and one of them said he had no objection, provided each paid down a penny beforehand as the price of it. On this the prisoner said, "he would see them damned first." The deceased then interfered a second time, hoping there would be no words, and that, as he was the cause of bringing the prisoner into company, he would pay the penny for him. On saying these words, the deceased rose from his seat for the purpose of going to the door; but just as he was crossing the prisoner, who sat in his way, the latter

plunged his sword into his belly. The deceased immediately fell on the floor, and expired in less than half an hour after.

The prisoner then attempted to escape; but the rest of the party beat him a good deal, and secured him.

He was then conveyed to the Police-office; and the constable who attended him swore, that the prisoner admitted his guilt in the carriage that brought him to the office, and entreated that his life might be spared.

The prisoner in his defence said, that having drank a good deal, he fell asleep, and was shortly after awake by his companions, who were beating him most violently; that the deceased had struck him several times on the face; and that what he did was in his own defence.

The several witnesses were then called again; and severally contradicted the prisoner's assertions, declaring, that he was not struck by any one until he had committed the murder, and that it was then only for the purpose of overcoming his resistance.

The Colonel and Serjeant of his regiment, and several other persons, described the prisoner as having always been a remarkably peaceable humane young man.

The Jury, after being out of Court about half an hour, pronounced him—**GUILTY.**

The Recorder passed the awful sentence of Death on him, and he was ordered to be executed on Monday morning.

About eight this morning he ascended the fatal scaffold, attended by a clergyman, and appeared quite resigned to his fate. He seemed to be about twenty-six years of age, and was dressed in black. He nodded his head to some of his companions among the crowd.

In a short time the cap was pulled down, the dreadful apparatus being adjusted, the signal was given, and he was launched into eternity, amidst a vast number of spectators.

After hanging the usual time his body was cut down, and delivered to the surgeons for dissection, and was conveyed away in a cart for that purpose.

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